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Dear Bishop Grove:

I regret that your letter to Secretary Muskie concerning Mr. Kim Dae Jung did not come to my attention until just after I responded to your similar inquiry to the President. While I cannot add to the substance of my earlier reply, I do wish to reiterate that we share your deep concern about the case.

Sincerely,

William J. Dyess
Assistant Secretary of State
for Public Affairs

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September 25, 1980

The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As Bishop of 175,000 United Methodists in West Virginia, I share with you a commitment to human rights and civil liberties, not only for our own citizens within the United States of America, but throughout the world.

In this regard, I implore you to express those commitments to human rights and civil liberties to which I know you are committed by using your great influence on behalf of Kim Dae-Jung, a popular democratic leader in Korea who was arrested May 18, 1980, and has been sentenced to death by hanging. I hope and trust that the influence of the United States Government on his behalf could lead not only to the communtation of the death sentence opposed by a military court, but to his eventual release.

Sincerely yours,

William Boyd Grove

William Boyd Grove
Bishop

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